

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 13, 2016

Agenda Item: Renew Biennial Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Min

Background

The Fish & Wildlife Commission Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *fishing access sites and wildlife management areas*. The Parks and Recreation Board Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *state parks*. The Parks and Recreation Board amended its commercial use permit fee rule earlier this year by increasing the fees for photography and filming, special events, concessions and watercraft livery. Although consistency between the two fee rules is not required, it is desirable to have a single fee schedule for the Department to avoid confusion by the public. Changes here will make the fees the same for the film permits for the two rules, because the Fisheries Division is experiencing considerable workload to process film permits with large crews. The other fees will remain unchanged for now, pending further discussions with fishing access site commercial users.

Public Involvement Process & Results

If the Commission proposes the commercial use permit fee rule, FWP will announce and conduct a public comment period. This will be advertised through statewide and regional press releases.

Alternatives and Analysis

The Commission could choose to reject the proposed changes, or propose changes of their own. In any event, this is a biennial rule and must be reauthorized following public comment.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission propose a commercial use permit biennial fee rule that increases the fees for large film crews (21 or larger). This will achieve consistency with the Parks rules, and it will also reflect the reality of dealing with the impacts and logistics of large groups such as these.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission propose a commercial use fee rule with changes to the Still Photography and Filming fees as recommended by the Department.